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Dear Walter,

Attached is a copy of your "marvelous" letter, along with a few other clips that I thought you would enjoy.

Take care & keep in touch!

Yours

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Campaigning Kerrey

Former Gov. Bob Kerrey, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, chats with Kris Timmons at a jam-making demonstration Saturday at the Bellevue Berry Farm.



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Readers write about campaign issues

Ex-Nebraskans for Kerrey

To the editor:

As a former Nebraskan whose roots in the life of the state remain deep, I watch events there with keen attentiveness. Of particular interest to me is the current race for the U.S. Senate between Bob Kerrey and David Karnes.

I am not certain how many Nebraskans know how Mr. Kerrey spent the first months of his time after he left the governorship. Within days he was here in Santa Barbara, lecturing in the classrooms of the University of California. He taught a graduate seminar in state government and assisted me in teaching the now nationally known course on the impact of the Vietnam war.

Professor Kerrey was an instant success. Not only does he know both subjects through personal experience, but he also brought intellectual excitement and a passion for truth. All of us found him thoroughly captivating and uncommonly courageous. He gave us not only items to think about, but also compelling ways to inform and direct our lives.

The students requested that he be invited back again, and the faculty and administration have urged him to accept a "permanent relationship" as his time allows. Were he running for political office in this locale, there would be many who would want to assist him.

From our vantage point, Bob Kerrey is

an eloquent witness to the truth that Nebraska-life makes wonderful sense. His involvement in the Vietnam war has deepened his compassion and wisdom. While others remain stuck in the controversies of that war, he is far, far ahead, extending the healing as he searches for constructive ways of meeting the challenges before us.

Kerrey's numerous accomplishments here, and in a very short time, make me intensely proud to be a Nebraskan. He will do even more, and the nation itself will take notice, when his range of influence is expanded.

Walter H. Capps
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OPINION

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"Dedicated to the People of Nebraska, and to the Development
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Political figure publicly willing to admit failure is a rare bird

There may be some who regard as unprecedented the Nebraska Democratic Party's adoption of an election-year platform plank that is contrary to the perceived position of the party's major candidate. Be reassured, it isn't a bolt from the blue. Ornerly Nebraska Democrats have been doing that every now and again. For years.

In their recent convention at Grand Island, the Democratic delegates — a reduced number still around at the end of the three-day event — voted 127-66 to endorse the current initiative petition proposing that voters make decisions on low-level nuclear waste disposal questions. That's not necessarily the policy posture of the Democrats' Senate nominee, former Gov. Bob Kerrey, on radioactive waste.

In their own time as Statehouse candidates, former Govs. Frank Morrison and J.J. Exon also experienced the unruly independence of Democratic state convention delegates.

But something fairly unique did happen at Grand Island, and thanks to staffer Kathleen Rutledge it was recorded and chronicled. Kerrey gave a critique of his record as a one-term governor. The singular part was Kerrey's listing of what the businessman-politician regarded as his failures as chief executive as well as his accomplishments. Usually, the latter are the only version of the text.

It must be understood the definition of Kerrey's gubernatorial pluses and minuses are exclusively his. This periodical would disagree in several instances. What he gauges as achievements we would identify as errors. And vice versa.

But the thrust of this commentary is not tied up with yesterday's specifics. It is to underscore and acknowledge Kerrey's rare willingness to offer a balanced perspective in his own behalf. Such an act requires not only political courage but an inner maturity and an honesty. And that, plain-speaking Nebraskans should appreciate.

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Karnes Rebuffs Offer to Limit Campaign Tab

By C. David Kotok

World-Herald Staff Writer

Sen. Dave Karnes, R-Neb., rejected Monday a proposal by his Democratic opponent, Bob Kerrey, to limit general election campaign spending to \$950,000 in this year's Senate campaign.

In a statement issued through his office, Karnes said, "I suspect my opponent's proposal is more of a campaign ploy than an effort to bring meaningful change to problems of campaign finance."

Steve Jarding, spokesman for the Kerrey campaign, said Karnes' response was "unfortunate."

"Bob Kerrey made a good-faith effort to send a message to the country that they could agree to control spending," Jarding said.

The offer was based on limiting each candidate to spending no more than \$950,000 from July 1 through the November election.

In his response, Karnes said campaign fund raising is a measure of a candidate's support.

"The more a candidate raises means the more a candidate can communicate with the voters," Karnes said.

Karnes spokesman Brent Bahler said the Kerrey proposal may reflect that the Kerrey campaign is having trouble raising funds.

Jarding said he does not anticipate Kerrey will have problems raising the \$3 million it is predicted each Senate candidate will spend in the Nebraska race.

Karnes said the Kerrey proposal would not have dealt with independent expenditures by groups such as labor unions in behalf of Kerrey. No candidate can restrict such groups from spending money on behalf of a candidate, he said.

"To go along with the blue smoke and mirrors approach suggested by my opponent would be nothing more than a thinly disguised attempt to fool the voters," Karnes said.

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Plant-Closing Notice May Get Karnes' Support

By Nicole Simmons

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Washington — Sen. Dave Karnes, R-Neb., said Monday that he might vote for a Senate bill that would require workers to be notified in advance of plant closings or mass layoffs.

Karnes has been criticized by his Democratic opponent in the Nebraska Senate race, Bob Kerrey, and by Kerrey's labor union supporters, for opposing the notification provision and an omnibus trade bill accompanying it.

Kerrey supports both the trade bill and the plant-closing provision.

Karnes said he altered his position on the plant-closing issue not because of campaign pressures but after seeing the effects of the drought on Nebraska's farm communities.

"The drought may well assure that many plants in my state will be closing," he said.

For instance, Karnes said, although packing plants are doing well now, while ranchers are liquidating their herds, some might have to shut down next year, when ranchers try to build the herds up again.

In the past, Karnes had said the plant-closing provision would dull companies' "competitive edge" and hinder their "ability to adjust to rapidly changing market conditions."

Monday, he repeated his support for voluntary notification of plant closings and layoffs, saying, "Any chief executive officer who doesn't provide as much notice as possible for his employ-

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Karnes Says He May Back Plant-Closing Notification

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ees deserves to be fired."

President Reagan vetoed the trade bill, saying the plant-closing provision was his main objection.

Noting surveys in which 80 percent of the Americans polled said they favored such notification as fair treatment of workers, Democrats seized upon Republicans' opposition to it as a campaign issue.

The plant-closing provision has been separated from the trade legislation, and Monday it was debated as a separate bill.

Karnes has said his main objection to the trade bill was a provision that senators said would increase imports of duty-free ethanol. He said he would vote for a trade bill with the plant-closing provision as long as it did not contain the ethanol provision.

During debate on the plant-closing bill Friday, Karnes voted for a GOP amendment that would require companies that do not give their workers 60 days' notice of plant closings to pay them 60 days' severance pay. Democrats said the amendment was designed to kill the bill.

But Monday, Karnes said he would support a GOP alternative offered by

Sen. Nancy L. Kassebaum, R-Kan., which would retain the requirement for notice of plant closings but not of mass layoffs.

Karnes said the language in the bill calling for notice of mass layoffs was vague and would deny employers the flexibility they need.

Karnes said he would support the bill if the Kassebaum amendment was added, but was unsure of what he would do if it failed.

The amendment later was tabled by a 64-32 vote, with Karnes and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, both voting against tabling it and Sens. J.J. Exon, D-Neb., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, voting to table it.